

11 BOB QUINN: Thank you. Good evening. My
12 name is Bob Quinn, and I'm a member and here speaking
13 tonight on behalf of the United States Transport
14 Council.

15 The USTC is pleased to offer preliminary
16 comments on the NEPA documents with respect to the
17 draft repository SEIS, the draft Nevada corridor SEIS
18 and the draft rail alignment EIS relevant to Yucca
19 Mountain. It is our intent to submit our final
20 comments in writing on or before the conclusion of
21 the public comment period as previously noted.

1 22 [Based on our review to date, however, the
23 documents appear to the U.S. Transport Council to be
24 thorough and comprehensive, and we believe that the
25 department has successfully crossed all the T's and
1 dotted all the I's with respect to laying the
2 groundwork for submittal of a license application for
3 Yucca Mountain.

4 The USTC is a not-for-profit non-lobbying
5 organization composed of about 30 members that
6 include nuclear material transporters, customers and
7 associated industries. One of the attributes of the
8 USTC is the depth of experience of its members who
9 represent a who's who in the nuclear transportation
10 industry. Collectively the USTC members have already
11 transported more spent fuel safely and securely than
12 is currently earmarked for Yucca Mountain.

13 The USTC mission is to preserve, protect and
14 defend the safe and secure commerce of nuclear

15 material through education, public outreach, public
16 awareness and consensus building. We do so by
17 letting the facts speak for themselves and by
18 reminding Americans of the important benefits derived
19 from nuclear energy with regard to economic
20 competitiveness, energy independence and national
21 security, as well as the environmental progress.

22 With regard to our general observations with
23 respect to the NEPA documents, affected communities
24 can have a high confidence in the feasibility of the
25 proposed approach for spent fuel and high-level waste
1 management at Yucca Mountain and for the safe, secure
2 transportation of nuclear materials via the Nevada
3 rail corridor and by truck.]

4 [The USTC believes that the proposed
5 transport, aging and disposal canisters, the
6 so-called TAD canister, offers a sound spent fuel
7 management paradigm and provides important linkage to
8 the more than 120 interim storage sites currently
9 around the country.]

10 [The public can also have full confidence in
11 the fact that nuclear materials can be transported
12 safely and securely to Yucca Mountain. Just this
13 past year the National Academy completed a nearly
14 three-year long study of the viability of the
15 national transportation campaign to Yucca Mountain.
16 The National Academy report that was published on
17 this concluded that there are no fundamental barriers

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18 to the safe transport of spent fuel and high-level
19 radioactive waste in the United States.

20 There are numerous reasons for this
21 conclusion and they include the tested experience of
22 the transportation industry, the robustness of the
23 transport packages and a proven track record by the
24 regulatory oversight bodies that includes the U.S.
25 Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the United States
1 Department of Transportation and the states
2 themselves through which transportation occurs.
3 These regulations and the implementation of them
4 ensure the highest standard of safety, security and
5 emergency preparedness.]

6 In closing, the USTC has made special
7 efforts to reach out to Nevada stakeholders on
8 transportation issues. This is not only because of
9 the importance of this issue and the experience that
10 we can bring as an organization to these discussions,
11 but in light of the fact that we too are stakeholders
12 in this process given that the Nuclear Waste Policy
13 Act requires implementation of the Yucca Mountain
14 transportation program by the private sector.

15 Accordingly, we look forward to continuing
16 to work with communities in Nevada on behalf of safe,
17 secure transportation. Thank you.